

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Negative Declaration

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This statement and attachments constitutes the Negative Declaration as proposed for adoption by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) for the project described below.

File Name: Waivers and General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges
Related to Timber Harvest Activities in the North Coast Region

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Project Name: Waivers and General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges
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Project Description: The project is a policy for waiving waste discharge requirements or enrolling in general waste discharge requirements for timber operations. Any such waivers issued pursuant to this policy would be conditional, could be terminated at any time by the Regional Water Board, would be determined by the Regional Water Board not to adversely affect the quality of or the beneficial uses of the waters of the State, and not be against the public interest pursuant to California Water Code Section 13269.

Project Location: All or parts of Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino, Lake, Glenn,
Humboldt, Del Norte, Trinity, Siskiyou, and Modoc Counties.

Environmental Finding: The project will not have a significant effect on the
environment.

Decision-making Body: North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Lead Agency: North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Other Agencies
Whose Approval

May be required: None.

Comment Period: November 6 to December 6, 2002

Public Hearing: North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board Office
5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA

Public Hearing Date: December 10, 2002

Attachments: Initial Study; Order No. 2002-0104, which is Adopting Categorical
Waivers and General Waste Discharge Requirements for
Discharges Related to Timber Harvest Activities in the North
Coast Region